

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 19, with the following marked up paragraph:

If the acknowledgment is not received from any of the clients specified as the destinations (step S805 S804, No), the distribution controller 213 records that the distribution to that client has been temporarily stopped or on hold in the data distribution information stored in the backup data storage unit 212 (step S806). If acknowledgement is received from the clients specified as the destinations (step S805, Yes), the procedure of data distribution is ended.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 24 with the following marked-up paragraph:

If there is no data that should be distributed, the distribution controller 213 determines whether there is any data of which the distribution has been temporarily stopped (step S807). If there is data of which the distribution has been temporarily stopped (step S807, Yes), the distribution controller 213 cancels the temporary stoppage (step S808), and performs step S802 to distribute the data. If there is no data of which the distribution has been temporarily stopped (step S807, No), the procedure of data distribution is ended.